Committee Room, City Hall,
November 24th, 1920.

SIXTEENTH MEETING (Special).

THE BOARD OF HEALTH meets in the Committee Room, City Hall, on Wednesday, November 24th, 1920, at 8 p.m.
PRESENT: Messrs. J.H.Saunders (Chairman) E.H.Russell, Mrs. Partridge and Dr. Downham.

201. SANITARY INSPECTORS. (See par. 198.)

Chairman Saunders called attention of the Board to the work of the Sanitary Inspectors. Mr. Lutman who had given the City about thirty years of service, by reason of age had become unable to properly discharge the duties of the office. The Board had the highest respect for Mr. Lutman. Many a younger man would have given up endeavoring to work as Mr. Lutman had. Something must be done to provide suitable recognition for the faithful services of Mr. Lutman.

Mr. Scott had secured a certificate from the Physician that he was able to resume duty. The work of Mr. Scott had been unsatisfactory. He particularly failed in following up investigations. He had been off sick this year for three months or more and was physically unable to energetically discharge the duties. The Board had been censured with respect to Sanitary inspections and this was due to the indisposition of the Sanitary Inspectors, and perhaps in the case of Mr. Scott lack of energy.

Dr. Downham states that he had not been satisfied with the work of Mr. Scott for some time.

Mr. Russell states that each department aught to take care of its own work and thought that the case of Mr. Lutman showed the need for some superanuation scheme.

Mr. Russell, seconded by Mrs. Partridge moves, and it is adopted unanimously, that the Council be recommended to terminate the engagement of Mr. Lutman as Sanitary Inspector on the 31st day of December, 1920, and that he be allowed a superanuation allowance of two years salary payable monthly, subject to such regulations as the Council may make respecting superanuation of City Officials.

Mrs. Partridge, seconded by Mr. Russell, moves and it is adopted unanimously, that the Council be recommended to terminate the engagement of Mr. J.W.Scott as Assistant Sanitary Inspector, and that he be allowed one month's salary as a gratuity.

Mr. Scott was engaged temporarily on the recommendation of the Board of Health on the fifteenth day of April, A.D., 1918 to assist in carrying on the work of Mr. Lutman. His services to the Board had not been satisfactory, partly due to physicial incapacity and partly to lack of energy in carrying on the duties of the office. The Board had been criticized for inefficient Sanitary inspection, and recognizing the great importance of proper sanitary supervision, the Board unanimously felt it their duty to recommend the repeal of the By-law appointing Mr. Scott Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

202. ACTING CHAIRMAN.

Chairman Saunders stated that to-morrow he would be called away to Guelph and would be absent from the City for about two weeks, and suggested the appointment of an Acting Chairman.

Upon motion Mr. E.H.Russell is unanimously elected Acting Chairman during the absence of the Chairman.

203. LAWRENCE FAMILY COMPLAINT.

Mrs. Partridge called attention to the complaint re condition of some of the members of the Lawrence family.

Dr. Downham states that he had examined one of the children and had instituted treatment. The family very gladly accepted his recommendation.

Upon motion the matter is referred to the Medical Officer of Health for report.

204. GENERAL CONDITIONS.

The Board discussed generally the Health conditions in the City of London. On the whole the Board had been successful in securing sanitary conditions which would compare very favorably with that of other Cities. Much however, remained to be done. It was hoped that with new Sanitary Inspectors, considerable improvement would be secured.

Upon motion the Board adjourned.

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Chairman.